

IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

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NDSU

Higher education roundtable success topic at Chicago conference

The success of North Dakota's Higher Education Roundtable was one of the featured topics at the "Higher Education at a Crossroad" conference scheduled for Nov. 2 in Chicago. The conference was sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation and the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

Scheduled presenters included Larry Isaak, president of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact and former chancellor of the North Dakota University System; President Joseph A. Chapman; Sen. Ray Holmberg, Roundtable chair; Roger Reiersen, Roundtable member and president of Flint Communications, Fargo; and Eddie Dunn, NDUS vice chancellor for strategic planning.

"The North Dakota Roundtable model is being talked about more and more throughout the nation as a highly successful effort to reform its higher education system to respond to the state's economic needs," said Isaak. "The Chicago Federal Reserve Bank's interest in highlighting this model is an indication of this."

Created by the North Dakota Legislature, the roundtable studied how the university system could help improve the state's economy, while providing the flexibility needed to allow the system to respond to changing expectations and needs.

The roundtable said the university system should focus on such issues as promoting expansion and diversification of the state's economy, enhancing the quality of life for state citizens, becoming academically competitive both nationally and internationally and being accessible and responsive to citizens.

"The university system is no longer viewed primarily as a burden on our taxpayers, but a partner in the growth and development of our state's future," said Holmberg.

NDSU's total enrollment has risen dramatically from 9,710 students in 1999 to 12,099 students in 2005. The university's doctoral programs have risen from 15 to 40, and the number of doctoral students has increased from 150 to 500. NDSU's annual research expenditures have increased from \$44.6 million to \$102 million.

"There is no question that the roundtable has been an important part of our success at NDSU," said Chapman. "Since 1999, NDSU has leveraged \$45.2 million in new state funding to generate more than a \$1 billion impact on our state's economy. The roundtable is a success story."

Libraries Veteran's Day hours announced

The NDSU Main Library will be open 1-5 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Friday, Nov. 11. The architecture, chemistry and health sciences branch libraries will close at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, and will be closed all day Friday, Nov. 11. Regular academic hours resume Saturday, Nov. 12.

For a current listing of hours consult the Libraries' Web page at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu or call the information tape at 1-9456.

TRIO staff titles correction

In the Nov. 2 issue of "It's Happening at State," Kris Mickelson, Charles Cherry and Babette Patton were identified as students. Patton is director of CCAMPIS, Mickelson is assistant director of High School Upward Bound and Cherry is a reading and study skills instructor in Student Support Services, all in the Office of TRIO Programs.

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NDSU students have 'good neighbor' campaign

NDSU's Greek Life and the Office of Orientation and Student Success have teamed up to promote a "good neighbor" campaign geared toward students living in residential areas near campus.

On Oct. 31, students were scheduled to go door-to-door in north Fargo, distributing informational door hangers to an estimated 1,800 households. On one side of the flyer, permanent residents were provided contact information if they have concerns about parking, loud noises, Greek organizations, alcohol use or law enforcement. On the other side, students found tips on how they can be responsible neighbors.

"The purpose of the campaign is to take a pro-active approach to the issues related to students living in residential neighborhoods—to alleviate problems between permanent residents and students," explained Jane Vangsness, alcohol and other drug prevention coordinator for Orientation and Student Success.

Vangsness said the campaign was patterned after one conducted at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"We think it's a great way to improve NDSU's town-gown relationship," she said, noting that concerns about alcohol consumption are a focus of the campaign. "The door hanger hopefully raises students' awareness that their alcohol use affects more than just them and those people living in their household. It affects their neighborhood and their community."

Members of student Greek organizations distributed the door hangers in two-person teams. Each fraternity and sorority was asked to have 10 representatives participate.

"We had the manpower to do it, and Greek students wanted to get out to meet their neighbors," said Joshua Boschee, Greek Life coordinator. "We think it's helpful to educate the students who live off-campus, and the campaign will help them understand ways to prevent conflict with their neighbors and to build relationships."

The door hangers were scheduled for distribution in an area bordered on the east by 10th Street North, on the south by 8th Avenue North and Dakota Drive, on the west by 18th Street North and on the north by 15th Avenue North.

"This program will build a foundation for future projects," Boschee said. "NDSU wants to be the best neighbor it can be."

Winter storm procedures announced

With the onset of winter, the Division of Student Affairs has announced NDSU procedures for winter storms. Normally, snow or low temperatures are not reasons to close the university, but significant amounts of snow might warrant a delayed start. Snow combined with severe wind chills and blizzard conditions may warrant closing the university. The following actions may be taken by NDSU:

- NDSU will be in full operation and all events will take place as scheduled.
- Morning, afternoon or evening classes at NDSU may be canceled or all classes may be canceled for the entire day. All other aspects of the university will operate as usual when classes are canceled.

- NDSU will be closed until noon or a specific time, or NDSU may be closed for the entire day. In this situation, only a few designated emergency personnel are required to report to work, such as power plant employees whose responsibilities require they be on duty. Announcements regarding afternoon classes will be made by 11 a.m.

The NDSU homepage will have a link to winter related information, or check these television and radio stations for winter storm announcements: KVLV-TV (NBC), KXJB-TV (CBS), WDAY-TV (ABC), KVRN-TV (Fox), KLTA (Lite Rock 105.1 FM), KPFX (Fox 107.9), KQWB-FM (Q-98), KVOX-FM (Froggy 99.9), KEGK-FM (Eagle 106.9), KQWB-AM (Talk Radio 1660), KFGO (Mighty 790 AM); KVRI (The River 95.1); KVOX-AM (The Fan), WDAY-FM (Y-94), KKBX (Box 101.9); KDAM (The Dam 104.7), KFAB (Outlaw Country 92.7), KDSU (N.D. Public Radio), KFNN (1200 AM, 97 FM), KCCM (91.1 FM), KCCD (90.3 FM), KBOT (Wild Country 104.1) and KDLM (1340 AM).

Winter storm announcements also will be available at many of the radio stations' Web sites.

Flex spending account enrollment available online

Flexible spending account (FSA) open enrollment is underway through Wednesday, Nov. 30. Participants may enroll online, or by completing the necessary paperwork available at informational meetings scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15-Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Online enrollment must be completed during the open enrollment period. To enroll online, visit www.discoverybenefits.com click on "Flexible Benefits," then "My Account." Review the login instructions, and use the first initial of the first name, the full last name and the last four digits of the Social Security number as the user name. The initial login password is DBINDU. Once logged in, users will be prompted to change the password.

When prompted, users should provide the plan year of Jan. 1, 2006-Dec. 31, 2006. The medical maximum is \$6,000 and the dependent care maximum is \$5,000.

Enrolled participants may access benefit account information at any time on the Discovery Benefits Web site or by calling (866) 451-3399, option five. Participant Services specialists are available at that number, option one, between 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Flexible spending forms are available at www.discoverybenefits.com/flex/forms.htm. Participants who prefer not to enroll online may obtain the forms at informational meetings scheduled for 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Memorial Union Century Theater; 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Residence Dining Center; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Century Theater; and 2:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the West Dining Center.

Second N.D. Rural Leadership Class to Begin

Rural Leadership North Dakota's second class has 21 participants.

RLND is a two-year interactive study and travel program offered through the North Dakota State University Extension Service. The program, which started in 2003, is designed to produce graduates with the vision and commitment to lead themselves, their organizations and their communities into the future.

It attracts participants from all sectors of the state, including agricultural producers; ranchers; representatives from agribusiness, private businesses, organizations and financial institutions; educators; county Extension Service staff; legislators and other elected officials; and members of community councils, boards and committees.

The class of 2005-07 are: Patricia Bowen, New Town; Gina Bushaw, Manvel; Laurie Dietz, Carrington; Jane Erickson, Bismarck; Tina Gustafson, Langdon; Jesse Handegard, Hettinger; Peggy Hellendsaas, Watford City; Craig Johnson, Fairmount; Scott Kroeger, Arthur; Korrine Lang, Sterling; Janel Lee, Grassy Butte; Bruce Lindgren, Kulm; Kim Moen, Harvey; Kimberly Nunberg, Beach; Nancy Olson, Fargo; Ronald Peltier, Dunseith; Lynnell Popowski, West Oslo; Sharla Price, Price; Robyn Sorum, Horace; Jerod Tufte, Dawson; and Christina Wiederrich, Jamestown.

"It is exciting to have the second class of Rural Leadership North Dakota participants starting their two-year experience," says program director Marie Hvidsten. "I know they will have a positive impact on the future of their communities and organizations. This program will continue to build leadership capacity in individuals across the state."

The class will attend nine seminars and one study tour in the two-year period. The seminars will be held throughout the state on topics such as leadership, communication, culture and heritage, creative and critical thinking, project management, understanding the political system, resource management and civic engagement.

The study tour is a six-day trip to Washington, D.C. Participants also will create and implement a project in their organization and/or community that gives them an opportunity to use the skills they learn.

"I am thrilled to have received the opportunity to participate in the RLND program," said Nunberg, city auditor in Beach. "I look forward to networking with other participants and bringing back useful, positive information that will be a benefit to the community as a whole."

People

Research, creative activities, technology transfer staff promotions announced



Neas

Bonnie Neas has been promoted to associate vice president for federal government relations, Sheri Anderson has been promoted to director of operations and program development, and Amy Scott has been promoted to assistant director of sponsored programs administration. The changes were announced by Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer.

Neas is responsible for identifying opportunities to advance the university's research programs through public policy initiatives, coordinating communication between the campus community and federal leaders and pursuing opportunities to advance the research computer infrastructure at NDSU. She also serves as director of the Center for High Performance Computing.

Neas previously served as assistant vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer, and as director of Information Technology Services prior to that. Neas began her career at NDSU in 1984 as manager of user services at the university's Computer Center.

"We are pleased to have such a talented administrator with a proven track record at NDSU," said Boudjouk. "This promotion recognizes the leadership role that Bonnie Neas provides at a national level on federal government relations and technology issues. Students and institutions throughout the state benefit from her efforts to facilitate computer networking and advanced technology in our region."

Neas serves on numerous national technology committees and is the co-chair of the Northern Tier Networking Consortium, a 10-state organization supporting the region's research, education and economic development efforts. She is the recipient of more than \$7 million in grants and awards, and is co-author of "TomorrowLand—When New Technologies Get Newer."

Anderson is responsible for finance, operations and assisting with research development initiatives. She previously served as business and operations manager. Before joining NDSU in 1997, she served as an Air Force base redevelopment operations officer in San Bernardino, Calif. Anderson has a master's degree in business administration from NDSU.

Scott is responsible for reviews and approvals of research proposals to external agencies, as well as negotiating terms and conditions of basic awards and research agreements. The office provides services for university faculty and staff who are conducting research or other scholarly activity, seeking grant support or involved with other research-related activities. Scott previously served as budget and program officer for sponsored programs administration. She has a bachelor's degree from NDSU.

Reynolds facilitates NIH conference

Larry Reynolds, professor of animal and range sciences, was one of nine facilitators of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) conference entitled "The Intrauterine Environment: Long-term Consequences for Obesity and Metabolic Disease" held recently in Bethesda, Md.

The two-day conference, sponsored by NIH institutes including the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; and the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, focused on the long-term consequences of maternal obesity and diabetes during pregnancy on the development of metabolic diseases in their offspring.

According to Reynolds, the topic recognizes the growing evidence that the fetal environment has a profound influence on health and well-being of the offspring even as adults. Speakers and attendees included clinicians, biomedical researchers and epidemiologists, as well as animal scientists.

"Being invited to lead a conference on this important biomedical issue requires a certain scientific stature—recognition by your colleagues of the significance of your scientific contributions," said Joel Caton, professor of animal and range sciences, who also attended the conference.

Reynolds also was one of about a dozen biomedical investigators from around the country who participated in "Working Group on the Influence of Early Programming in the Development of Cardiovascular, Lung, Blood and Sleep Disorders," a working group of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). Reynolds was asked to assist the NHLBI in identifying research to advance the objectives of basic science and clinical applications in the area.

Reynolds has been at NDSU since 1985. His research is focused on the factors influencing fetal growth and development in animal models. Reynolds serves with Caton as co-director of NDSU's Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy, which focuses on nutritional factors influencing growth and development of fetuses and offspring. Reynolds has been involved with NIH-funded research projects, including the CNP, for more than 20 years.

Additional conference information is available online at www.niddk.nih.gov/fund/other/maternalobesity/contact.htm.

Professor emeritus Curtis Amlund dies

Curtis Amlund, professor emeritus of political science, died Saturday, Oct. 30, in Fargo. He was 77. A memorial service is planned for 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the NDSU Alumni Center.

Amlund earned a doctorate at the University of Minnesota in 1959, and began his career at NDSU in 1961 as an assistant professor of political science. He served as political science department chair for 15 years, and was granted emeritus status in 1998.

He received several honors while at NDSU, including the Odney Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was recognized by the American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science, and was honored in 2000 as an Extraordinary Friend of the Court by

three of his former students who had established successful careers in the judicial system.

Amlund was recognized most notably, however, for his service and commitment to students. He was honored on numerous occasions by the NDSU Student Ambassadors, Mortar Board and the Blue Key chapters.

Amlund was the author of several books, multiple refereed articles and book reviews, and established the Curtis A. Amlund Lecture Series in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Danbom book published

"Going it Alone: Fargo Grapples with the Great Depression," a book by David Danbom, professor of history, recently was published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press.

The book recounts Fargo's experiences as the city moved from its emphasis on self-help activities to reluctant acceptance of federal funds during the Great Depression. According to Danbom, in the process of coping with the economic challenges of the Depression, the city was compelled to question some cherished beliefs about itself—that it was independent and resourceful, that it could overcome adversity and that it was an especially caring and compassionate community.

The book also addresses the city's class conflict, challenges to accepted gender roles, and juvenile neglect and delinquency, all of which cast doubt on its self-image as a middle-class community of conventional families.

Danbom argues that despite its problems, Fargo emerged from the Depression more economically dominant in the region.

A book signing is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Varsity Mart.

Sublett to present lecture recital in Quebec City

Virginia Sublett, associate professor of music, is scheduled to present the lecture recital "Mother Tongues: Twentieth Century Music for Voice and Piano Based on Folk Texts, Melodies and Models," Nov. 2-6 at the College Music Society National Conference, Quebec City. The presentation will include music written from 1907-1986.

Events

Brown bag seminar scheduled

"Turtle Mountain Chippewa People," is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Memorial Union University Chamber.

Les LaFountain a member of the Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa, will share his documentation of the tribe's history, compiled through research and interviews with tribal members of the north central North Dakota community. He also will share historical and contemporary paintings, photographs and maps.

The event is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU. For more information, call 1-525.

Ethics institute to host arts panel

The Northern Plains Ethics Institute is scheduled to host "The Arts in a Growing Community" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in Beckwith Recital Hall.

The panel is scheduled to include Margie Bailly, Fargo Theater; Vern Bennett, superintendent emeritus of Fargo Public Schools; Linda Coates, Fargo city commissioner; Robert Kurkowski, teacher in the Fargo Public Schools; Don Larew, NDSU professor of theater arts; and Ed Pauley, Plains Art Museum.

According to John Helgeland, institute director, communicating through the arts goes back to the beginning of human activity. "Painting, sculpture, drama, choreography, cinema, music and literature have expressed people's dreams and fears, its inward and outward understanding of the meaning of life itself. While differing in form and medium, our pursuit of the arts joins us with our ancestors," he said.

Topics to be discussed include young people's introduction to the arts, honest and dishonest forms of expression, community funding of the arts, art in architecture and art's place in the city.

For more information, contact Helgeland at 1-7026 or *John.Helgeland@ndsu.edu*, or Dennis Cooley, institute associate director, at 1-7038 or *Dennis.Cooley@ndsu.edu*.

Lab, chemical safety course scheduled

A laboratory and chemical safety course is scheduled for 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, in the Memorial Union University Chamber. The course instructor is Ted Jirik.

The course is required for new laboratory workers, and serves as a refresher course for people currently working in laboratories. Planned topics include knowledge about chemicals, personal protection, fire safety, electrical safety, hazard communication standards, physical and chemical hazards, chemical spills and waste handling.

There is no fee for the course. To register, contact *stephanie.wegner@ndsu.edu* or call 1-7759. Registration also is available for the planned radiation safety short course.

Varsity Mart November events planned

Varsity Mart November events scheduled include a holiday open house and an "Angel Tree" donation center to benefit the Holiday Clearing House Giving Tree campaign.

The holiday open house is planned for 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22. Refreshments will be served and selected items will be on sale. Angel Tree donations will be accepted Nov. 21-Dec. 12, and all new children's books will be donated to the Giving Tree campaign. Children's books will be on sale Nov. 14-20.

Also planned is a book signing by David Danbom, professor of history. Danbom will sign copies of "Going It Alone: Fargo Grapples with the Great Depression," from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The Varsity Mart will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, for the Veteran's Day holiday, and Thursday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Shorts and Reminders

Union Food Court specials for Nov. 9-Nov. 16

Soup of the day

Wednesday: chicken tortilla and broccoli cheese
Thursday: turkey rice and baked potato
Friday: beef noodle and tomato
Monday: California medley cheese and vegetable beef
Tuesday: cream of potato and chicken noodle
Wednesday: minestrone and cream of broccoli

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: turkey bacon
Thursday: Italian
Friday: your choice
Monday: chicken
Tuesday: turkey club wrap
Wednesday: ham

A La Carte

Wednesday: carved turkey breast
Thursday: chicken Parmesan
Friday: scalloped potatoes and ham
Monday: sweet and sour chicken
Tuesday: cavatini hot dish
Wednesday: carved pork loin

Pizza Express

Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken
Thursday: Hawaiian
Friday: taco
Monday: Tuscan
Tuesday: farmhouse
Wednesday: Thundar

Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: ham and cheese
Thursday: chicken Cordon Bleu
Friday: barbecue chicken
Monday: chicken strip
Tuesday: Philly steak
Wednesday: Italian

Entrée salad (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: popcorn chicken
Thursday: taco
Friday: chicken Caesar/Caesar
Monday: turkey Cobb
Tuesday: Southwest chicken salad
Wednesday: popcorn chicken

Items are subject to change without notice. Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 for all of the daily specials. Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Shelly at the Union Buffet at 1-8122.

Positions Available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, Room 205, Old Main:

Administrative Secretary/#00018577

Biological Sciences

\$21,000+/year

Nov. 18

Custodian (multiple positions)

Non-benefited; 40 hours/week; temporary position with possibility of continuation after five months

M-F; 5 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Facilities Management

\$8.37/hour

Nov. 17

Chemist

Plant Sciences

\$25,000+/year

Nov. 15

Research Specialist/#00019519

Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

Salary is competitive

Open until filled

Laboratory Technician

Coatings and Polymeric Materials

\$30,000+/year

Open until filled

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

Calendar

November

Through Nov. 11—NDSU art faculty exhibit, NDSU Downtown Gallery

Through Nov. 23 Michael Amick, digital photography online exhibit, Reineke Gallery. Reception, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17.

- 10 Plant pathology—Abdullah Aqeel, graduate student, "Fungicide Sensitivity and Biological Diversity of *Colletotrichum coccodes*," 1 p.m., Loftsgard 380
- 11 Veteran's Day holiday; university closed
- 12 Football vs. South Dakota State University, 6 p.m., Fargodome
- 12 Baroque student opera—"Venus and Adonis," 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 13 Baroque chamber concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 14 International Education Week—Language conversion tables (Spanish, French and German), 3-5 p.m., Memorial Union University Chamber
- 14 Woodwind chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 15 Human resources—Flexible spending account informational meetings, 9-10 a.m., Century Theater; 1-2 p.m., Century Theater; 2:30-3:30 p.m., Residence Dining Center
- 15 International Education Week—David Killick, Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds, England, "English as an International Language," 1 p.m., Memorial Union University Chamber
- 16 Human resources—Flexible spending account informational meetings, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Century Theater; 2:30-3:30 p.m., West Dining Center; 4-5 p.m., Century Theater
- 16-30 J.D. Jorgenson exhibit, Downtown Gallery
- 16 International Education Week—Passport drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Memorial Union Plains Room. Call 1-7895 for more information.
- 16 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar, "Turtle Mountain Chippewa People," noon, Memorial Union University Chamber
- 17 International Education Week—International students Dawn Sibunda and Yvonne Kapungu, "World I View: Zimbabwe—The Past, Present and Future," noon, Memorial Union University Chamber
- 17-19 Little Country Theatre presents student directed one-act plays, 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre. Call 1-9442 for tickets.

- 18 International Education Week—student panel presentation, “How Study Abroad Changed My Life,” 1 p.m., Memorial Union Rose Room
- 18 Plant pathology—Jahangir Khan, graduate student, “Epidemiology and Management of Cercospora Leaf Spot in Sugarbeet,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 18 Plant sciences—Guorong Zhang, graduate student, “Drought Resistance in Wheat,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 20 Gold Star Marching Band concert, 6 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day; university closed
- 30-Dec. 16 Baccalaureate exhibition, Reineke Gallery
- 30 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar, “HIV/AIDS: Protect Yourself,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room

December

- 2-4 Madrigal Dinners, 6 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$35 and are available by calling 1-9442.
- 2 Plant pathology—D.C. Coston, vice president for agriculture and university extension, and Ken Grafton, dean of agriculture, food systems, and natural resources and North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station director, “Future Directions for Agriculture in North Dakota,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 4 Winter choral and brass concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 5 Jazz ensembles concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 6 Wind ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 7 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar, “Binge Drinking and Power Hours: A Mom’s Heartfelt Story,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 8 Percussion ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 9 Last day of classes
- 9 Ceramics and printmaking sale, noon-6 p.m., Downtown Gallery
- 9 Plant pathology—Seong-Hee Lee, graduate student, “Host Resistance to Septoria Speckled Leaf Blotch and Population Genetic Structure of *Septoria passerinii*,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 10 Musical Theatre Troupe production of “Strictly Sondheim,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Free.
- 11 Baroque Festival presents Handel’s “Messiah,” 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 15 Annual Western Dakota Crops Day, Hettinger, N.D., Armory. Call (701) 567-4323 for details.
- 16 Commencement, 4 p.m., Fargodome

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